

Opinion

'Anything goes'

A self-employed person explained why he doesn't pay the wage tax in Carbondale. "Why should I?" he asked. "What do I get in return for my money? I pay property taxes because I get a tax that the mayor and Council notice, but nobody has ever asked me to pay the wage tax."

Another person, showing off some remodeling work that he had done, was asked if he had obtained a building permit. "What for?" he asked. "Anything goes in Carbondale."

You don't need one in Carbondale. You can get away with anything here. Anything goes.

That statement - that one can get away with just about anything in Carbondale - may not be entirely correct, but it's not too far from the truth. The fact of the matter is that traditionally, the laws which govern Carbondale have been nothing but words on pieces of paper. They are not enforced uniformly, if they are enforced at all.

The problem rests with an apathetic public and the public's nonchalant has been reflected by their elected representatives, the mayor and city council, and by a majority of city employees.

When Carbondale adopted the Home Rule Charter, that document plus the administrative code and the various city ordinances became the "law of the land."

There are laws requiring parking on alternate sides of the street so that street crews can remove the snow. When was that law last enforced? Could it be that we don't need by ignoring whatever section doesn't suit their fancy.

The provisions regarding the budget and city finances were ignored and now the city is \$600,000 in debt. We have to blame the Mancuso administration for that. On Monday night City Council met and voted to adopt a new budget. No public notice was given ahead of time to let the public know what the budget was. The Council must hold a public meeting prior to the adoption of the budget and that the time and place of such hearing, together with a general summary of the proposed budget, be advertised in newspapers at least two weeks before the hearing. Council said, in effect, "We don't have time for that," and adopted a 1984 budget. As they say, you can get away with anything in Carbondale!

Council points out that there are flaws with the Home Rule Charter. Specifically, the charter does not explain what steps should be taken when things don't run like they're supposed to. For example, it doesn't say what council should do if the mayor doesn't present a budget when he is supposed to. It simply says that the budget must be

presented. Council passed an ordinance requiring everyone to shovel their sidewalks. There are still plenty of unshoveled sidewalks. Can you imagine the police enforcing this new law? "Lady, get in your wheelchair and come with us. You're under arrest for having snow on your sidewalk." It will never happen - not here in Carbondale.

The point is, Council and the administration and all city employees have to set the example. They can't ignore the law themselves and then criticize the citizens who decide to do whatever they please to. The laws must be enforced - uniformly.

Name a problem the city faces and chances are that there is already a law on the books that would have prevented that problem had the law been obeyed.

As one citizen said at last Monday's council meeting, "Let's bury the hatchet and start all over." We agree. It's time for everyone to abide by the Home Rule Charter. It's time to enforce the building codes and zoning ordinances. It's time to make everyone pay his share of the tax burden. It's time to coin a new expression - "You can't get away with that in Carbondale."

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Do you remember when...

15 YEARS AGO

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Although all bookings for the Irving Berlin musical, "Annie," were sold out, the Irving Berlin musical, "Annie," was scheduled to be performed at the Carbondale Community Center on Saturday, January 21, at 8 p.m.

It was announced that it had succeeded in having the building project at full steam ahead, which will provide us with a modern up-to-date facility. We have modern and sophisticated equipment for testing purposes. We still have that personal touch and quality care which makes our patients enjoy and come to Carbondale General Hospital for.

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"Happy"

Very concerned readers

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Box 45, however, is located much further south on Park St., almost near Russell Park.

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Thanks for calling this to our attention.

More letters on page 8

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Letters should be limited to about 300 words. Preference will be given to letters written about local issues.



J.P. Poodles

booked a feature film for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday showing at the Carbondale General Hospital. The film, "The Christmas Story," is a comedy starring John Wood and John Wood. The film is a comedy about a family who goes to a ski resort for the holidays. The film is a comedy about a family who goes to a ski resort for the holidays.

The reappointment of Dennis Langan as district warden for District 3 of the Knights of Columbus was announced by Charles M. Maguire, district deputy.

The cigar store of Bert W. Collins of 27 N. Main St. was broken into and three cigarette lighters with an aggregate value of \$50 were the principal items of loot.

The sisterhood of Agatha Shalom Synagogue announced Tuesday and Wednesday, March 22 and 24, as its bazaar dates with Mrs. Avaron Ciment and Mrs. Max Mermelstein general chairmen and Mrs. Joseph Tenebaum sisterhood president, as honorary chairmen.

The Casparini Excavating Co., Inc. Peckville, was given a \$2,379,239 contract by the Pennsylvania Department of Highways for construction of a section of the Penn-Can Highway in Lackawanna County.

Rory Calhoun, ranking mid-Bleuville, White Plains, N.Y., was scheduled to meet Al Hauser of Philadelphia in a 10 round fight at the Main Street Armory in Wilkes-Barre February 10.

Art Wall Jr., Pocono Manor, won the \$7,500 Eldorado promotional golf tournament at Ft. Belvoir, Calif.

State Mine Inspectors James F. Munley and Theodore Whackey issued a report in which they pointed out that the boundary of the area affected by the West Side mine fire had moved 1,500 feet nearer to the center of the position of the city since a committee of mining men investigated the situation following the death of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Collins of Scott St., whose bodies were found in their home November 14, 1927.

L.D. Freeman, former chairman of the railroad division of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, was named the new trustee of the New York, Ontario and Quebec Railway Co. by Judge Edward A. Conger in January 21, when he was named as trustee of the company.

Freeman to succeed Ferdinand J. have.

A guarantee of no lay off. Answer: There has been no lay off at Carbondale General Hospital in over 15 years.

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ELECTRIC MOIST HEATING PAD
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